(b) whether Government have received any information from the Voluntary Health Association of India or any other Non-Governmental Organisations in Rajasthan and if so, details thereof and action taken thereon-

(c) whether any Central Team has been sent to investigate into the matter and assess damages caused and also stop such dangerous and hazardous operation; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) There are two units around Udaipur which manufacture H-acid for exports. The effluent from the manufacture of H-acid carries with it large quantities of organic pollutants which can affect the vegetation.

(b) to (d) A report was submitted to the Ministry of Health by the Voluntary Health Association of India, a copy of which was endorsed *to* this Ministry also. The report states that there has been damage to agricultural production, ground water pollution and cattle deaths. The Central Groundwater Board is also carrying out monitoring of groundwater in this region. The Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board has assessed the situation and has stated that the effluent from the manufacture of H-Acid should not be discharged outside the plant. It has requested the State Government to issue directions under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, for closure of M/s. Silver Chemicals, one of the manufeature of H-Acid. The Board is to reject the consent application of M/s. Jyoti Chemicals, the other manufacturer.

Compensation CIaims of Indian Properties left in Bangladesh

983. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRIA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total number of claims of compensation for Indian owned properties left in Bangladesh which remain to be settled ;% against the total claims submitted to the Custodian of Enemy Property for India between 1971 and 1977;

(b) how many of the processed claims have so far been paid to the claimants stating the reasons for the non-payment of the claims to the remaining claimants; and

(c) what steps have been taken by the Government for early settlement of these claims ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) A total of 57,493 c'laims were registered with the Custodian of Enemy Property, Bombay. Out of these, 29,661 claim cases have so far been settled, which include about 20,482 cases where payments have been made; in 20,000 claim cases, the claimants have not filed complete information and, therefore, are lying dormant. About 7832 claim cases that remain are being processed.

(c) To expedite verification of claims, the position is reviewed from time to time and various steps are taken to dispose of pending claims.

Steps taken so far are :

(i) Increase of panel members from 8 to 18.

(ii) Shifting of payment office from Bsmbay to Calcutta,

(iii) Increase of honorarium to panel members.

(iv) Advertisements in Newspapers calling upon claimants to submit documents.

(v) Provision of additional staff etc.

Strength of SC staff in the nationalised i banks

984. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the strength of staff employed in each of the nationalised banks; and

(b) what is the number of persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes among them and what is their percentage to the total strength, bank-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) As per available information the strength of award staff in different categories in each of the nationalised banks and the number of persons belonging to the Scheduled Caste (and their percentage to the total strength) in each category is at Annexure *[See* Appendix CL, Annexure No. 51.]

Subsidies to farmers

985 SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 2957 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th March, 1989 and state;

(a) whether it is a fact that apart from subsidies and other benefits to the Pesticide Industry the pesticide sale is being encouraged by the Government by subsidies and bank credits to farmers both by the Centre and the States; and

(b) if so, what are the cash subsidies offered to farmers state-wise by the Centre/States, against various pesticides for last three years year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Government encourages Integrated Pest Management technique which permits application of pesticides wherever necessary. To provide relief to farmers on the cost of pesticides, subsidies are provided by the Government and Bank Credit is also available for the purchase of pesticides as an agricultural input.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent possible.

Erosion of coast line in Karnataka

986. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the coast line of Karnataka erosion of the coast by sea is taking place at several places-

(b) which are the villages and towns which face the danger of being submerged by sea water; and

(c) what steps are being taken to protect the coast line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and

(b) Nearly 26 per cent of the coast line in Karnataka is reported to be affected i by sea erosion.

(c) An outlay of about Rs. 4 crores exists in the State's Seventh Five Year Plan for coastal protection works.

907 प्रदेश में हथकरघा प्रौद्योगिकी प्रशिक्षण संस्थान की स्थापना

987. श्रीमती रत्न कुमारी : क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार को मध्य प्रदेश सरकार से उस राज्य में हथकरघा प्रौद्योगिकी प्रशिक्षण संस्थान स्थापित करने हेतु कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुआ है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह प्रस्ताव कब प्राप्त हुआ था और उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) केन्द्रीय सरकार ने उक्त प्रस्ताव पर क्या कार्यवाही की है?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री (श्री रफीक आलम) : (क) से (ग) हथकरघा प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान की स्थापना करने